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CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1 1. A process for producing a landscape plan for a
2 property, comprising:
3 defining a set of generic plant categories;
4 assigning a corresponding unique symbol to each generic
5 plant category, defining a set of unique symbols;
6 communicating from a customer to a landscape architect a
7 survey of the property, a photograph of the property, and a
8 list of desired landscape characteristics for the property;
9 and
10 producing the landscape plan for the property, the
11 landscape plan using the unique symbols to indicate locations
12 on the property where plants should be located.

1 2. The process of claim 1, wherein the generic plant
2 categories are defined according to a plant size.

1 3. The process of claim 2, wherein the generic plant
2 categories are defined according to a leaf texture.

1 4. The process of claim 1, wherein the set of generic
2 plant categories are divided into a first subset of plant

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3 categories corresponding to deciduous plants, and a second
4 subset of generic plant categories corresponding to evergreen
5 plants.

1 5. The process of claim 4, wherein the unique symbols
2 identify the deciduous plants and the evergreen plants.

1 6. The process of claim 1, further comprising assigning
2 a second set of unique symbols each corresponding to a type of
3 hardscape material, wherein the landscape plan uses the second
4 set of unique symbols to indicate hardscape materials to be
5 used for hardscape elements indicated on the landscape plan.

1 7. The process of claim 1, wherein the landscape plan
2 includes a legend identifying each symbol.

1 8. The process of claim 1, further comprising providing
2 a list of specific plants belonging to each generic plant
3 category.

1 9. A process for producing a landscape plan for a
2 property, comprising:
3 defining a set of generic plant categories;
4 assigning a unique symbol to each generic plant category;
5 and

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6 producing the landscape plan by indicating locations for
7 plants on said property using said unique symbols.

1 10. The process of claim 9, wherein the generic plant
2 categories are defined according to a plant size.

1 11. The process of claim 10, wherein the generic plant
2 categories are defined according to a leaf texture.

1 12. The process of claim 9, wherein the set of generic
2 plant categories are divided into a first subset of plant
3 categories corresponding to deciduous plants, and a second
4 subset of generic plant categories corresponding to evergreen
5 plants.

1 13. The process of claim 12, wherein the unique symbols
2 identify the deciduous plants and the evergreen plants.

1 14. The process of claim 9, further comprising assigning
2 a second set of unique symbols each corresponding to a type of
3 hardscape material, wherein the landscape plan uses the second
4 set of unique symbols to indicate hardscape materials to be
5 used for hardscape elements indicated on the landscape plan.

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1 15. The process of claim 9, wherein the landscape plan
2 includes a legend identifying each symbol.

1 16. The process of claim 9, further comprising providing
2 a list of specific plants belonging to each generic plant
3 category.

1 17. A process for producing a landscape plan for a
2 property, comprising:
3 defining a set of symbols, each symbol corresponding to a
4 generic landscape element, and
5 producing the landscape plan by indicating locations for
6 generic landscape elements on said property using said
7 symbols.

1 18. The process of claim 17, wherein the set of symbols
2 includes a first subset of symbols corresponding to a set of
3 generic plant categories, and a second subset of symbols
4 corresponding to a type of hardscape material.